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Date Filed: January 4, 2002) Confirmation No.: 2427
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For: APPARATUS FOR) December 1, 2003
FREEZE-DRYING FOODSTUFFS)
AND MEDICAMENTS)

REPLY: RESPONSE

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Replying to Paper No. 8, the Office Action mailed
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Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.